

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm. Selectmen present were Janet Smith, Roberta Gerkin, and James McIlroy. Others present were Brian Knipstein (Road Agent), Chief Art Reed, Don Doane, Mike Woodward, Mike St. Gelais, Wes Moore, Dennis Dobe and Tom Flygare.

Brian Knipstein, Road Agent presented his budget for the year 2006 to the Selectmen. Don Doane suggested that the Selectmen encumber any leftover funds from the 2005 Budget and use the funds for paving next year.

Brian also spoke about items being left in the Town's Right of Way and interfering with the trucks plowing snow. The Selectmen will send a letter to the residents involved stating that items need to be removed from the right of way and that the Town will not be responsible for damage to such items if they are not moved.

Mike St. Gelais of Foy Insurance brought in new Health Insurance quotes. If the Town decides to stay with Anthem, the signed agreement needs to be returned no later than December 15th. If another provider is chosen, the agreement will have to be signed and returned by the end of the month.

Wes Moore, our Representative to the Lamprey Regional River Waste Management Cooperative, informed the Board that the contract with Waste Management is expiring soon. The Cooperative is holding a meeting in Madbury on December 14th to discuss alternatives to the Waste Management/Turnkey operation – all current member towns are asked to send a representative to the meeting.

Dennis Dobe of the Newfields Elementary School was in to give compliments to the Police Department for keeping the school crossings safe and providing safety programs for the students.

With regards to the alarm system at the school and the number of false alarms requiring action from the Police Department – Dennis is working diligently with the alarm company to resolve the problem. The alarm company cannot disarm or reset the alarm from a remote location. The company is trying to determine the problem and come up with a plan to fine-tune the system. Dennis would like to be informed if a fee is implemented for false alarms.

Chief Reed informed the Board that weather permitting, the lines will be painted on the bridge Wednesday and the bridge opened to traffic on Thursday December 8th.

The proposed Budget for the Police Department was presented.

The Chief stated that the Town Holiday Celebration went smoothly last Sunday.

James made a motion to accept the Minutes of November 27, 2005. Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

At 8:15pm the Selectmen went into a non-public session RSA 91-A:31.

At 10:40pm the Selectmen came out of the non-public session.

The Selectmen signed the NOAA grant.

James made a motion to approve the Best Buy 500 Net Plan offered by Harvard Pilgrim for Health Insurance coverage. This is an HMO and the Town will fund the \$500.00 deductible. Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed the Library plans.

A motion was made to adjourn at 11:00pm. It was seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer